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Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Dear City Council Members:

As all of you know, we were left with a vacancy when we lost loyal employee, Patrick Waldron. Mr. Waldron was a Korean War Veteran who served as the City of Danbury's Director of Veterans Affairs for almost 30 years.

It is with this letter that I respectfully request the City Council confirm my appointment of Mr. Danny Hayes as the Danbury Veterans Affairs Committee, Veterans Services Officer.

Mr. Hayes served in the Army from 1988-1992, and spent 6 months in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, where he received a Bronze Star medal for his actions during the ground war against Iraq's elite Republican Guard. Mr. Hayes was honorably discharged as a Specialist from Danbury's 411th Civil Affairs Company in 1996.

In 1999, Mr. Hayes was asked to be on the Board of Directors at the War Memorial where he served for 6 years and was President from 2002-2004. In 2005, Mr. Hayes began managing the War Memorial under then Director, Tommy Clarkson. In 2010, he was made Executive Director following Mr. Clarkson's retirement.

Mr. Hayes is the recipient of countless awards from the U.S. Army, various community organizations, and the City of Danbury's Fire and Police Departments' Civilian Award.

Mr. Hayes is enthusiastic about further serving the greater Danbury community as the new Director of Veterans Affairs, a position that will allow him to further serve his fellow veterans and their families.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor